

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, 14-20, 22-26 and 28 remain pending in the present application. Claim 3 have been amended, and Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing Claims 1, 4-9, 14-20, 22-26 and 28.

Claim 3 has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion.

CONCLUSION

In light of the arguments presented above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this Application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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